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Barbados Sets New Pet Food Import Requirements

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Report Highlights:

On June 3, 2014 new pet food import requirements went into effect in Barbados. The new requirements should not restrict U.S. pet food exports to the island, which established a new high of \$2.6 million in 2013.

General Information:

U.S. suppliers should be aware that on June 3, 2014 new pet food import requirements went into effect in Barbados. The Barbados Veterinary Service requires USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to certify pet food exports from the United States with a VS Form 16-4, Export Certificate for Animal Products and continuation pages VS Form 16-4A, as necessary. The new certification requirements can be seen on APHIS' IREGs page:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/products/downloads/bb_pf_req.pdf

The new requirements should not be restrictive for U.S. suppliers. In 2013, the United States exported a record high \$36.2 million in dog and cat food to the Caribbean. U.S. dog and cat food exports to Barbados accounted for \$2.6 million (7 percent) of these exports.